

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

COVID-19 Joint Information Center Update

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Health Department:

The Health Department is now reporting 445 positive cases of COVID-19 and one additional death, a man in his 80's, bringing the total to thirteen. For more information, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus.

Office for Children and Families:

The Frederick County Local Care Team (LCT), within the Frederick County Office for Children & Families continues to work diligently with our partners to ensure the most vulnerable youth in our community are able to access and receive care and support during these unprecedented times. The LCT, comprised of over a dozen community partners, is an inter-agency forum designed to work with families to assist youth experiencing mental and behavioral health challenges. All families receive a personalized care plan and are directly connected to community based services and support.

The LCT will remain operational and is continuing to offer support to families by providing services via virtual platforms. In addition, System Navigation staff through the Mental Health Association of Frederick County continues to provide one-on-one, regular, telephone support to each family.

Ensuring the health and well-being of our children, especially during these uncertain times, is imperative. For additional information and resources on how to help take care of your child's mental health, provide structure and activities, and get access to the support you need, please visit: https://www.mhamd.org/coronavirus/support-for-children-families/.

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For information, support, or resources, please send an e-mail to Brooke Sims, Local Care Team Assistant: <u>bsims@frederickcountymd.gov</u> or call 301-600-1077.

Most importantly, keeping our kids safe during this time remains our number one priority. As always, if something does not look right, sound right, or feel right, make a report. The Child Protective Services line remains open 24-hours a day at 301.600.2464 or contact the Frederick County Sheriff's Office at 301-600-1046. For information on other health and human services resources call 2-1-1. For emergency needs call 911.

Housing and Community Development:

The Frederick County Department of Housing and Community Development has created a resource library for COVID-19 related housing information on their main webpage https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/6366/Housing-and-Community-Development.

Governor Larry Hogan issued an emergency order that prohibits Maryland courts from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can show that their failure to pay rent was the result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Examples include losing unemployment, needing to care for a school-aged child, or being diagnosed with COVID-19. An additional emergency order prohibits electric, gas, water, sewage, phone, cable TV, and internet service provider companies from shutting off any residential customer's service or charging any late fees. For additional assistance with housing needs, utility shutoffs, family or financial issues, tenants should contact Maryland 2-1-1 by calling 211 or visiting 211md.org.

If you have a livability code concern, are worried about paying your rent or your mortgage, or if you believe that your lender or landlord are threatening you or are trying to take advantage of you, please contact Housing Program Manager Ryan Trout at RTrout @FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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Beware of Fraud and Scams

The Office of the Attorney General for the State of Maryland has issued a <u>Consumer Alert</u> with guidance (también está disponible en Español) on avoiding frauds and scams related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

For more information visit the <u>Consumer Protection Division</u> of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General. Scams and price gouging can be reported to the Maryland Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division: <u>consumer@oag.state.md.us</u>, <u>http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/</u> or by phone at **410-528-8662**.

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Don't Forget to Complete the Census!

You can call 844-330-2020 (toll-free) to complete the Census. The Census consists of only a few questions and should only take a few minutes of your time. You can also complete the Census online at my2020census.gov or fill out the paper version that will be mailed to your home.



For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19.

Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: //cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: <u>www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus</u>
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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